

Story
Art

KAZUNE
KAWAHARA

ARUKO



MY Love STORY!!



Shojo Beat

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MY *love* STORY!!



STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Makoto Sunakawa! But that all changes when Takeo saves Rinko Yamato from a groper on the train, and she becomes his girlfriend.

During summer break of their second year of high school, Yamato starts working at a cake shop. Takeo watches over her from the shadows. However, a handsome pastry chef by the name of Ichinose takes a liking to Yamato and starts calling her by her first name, Rinko! Naturally, Takeo is disturbed by the appearance of this rival. Furthermore, Ichinose even tells Takeo to break up with Yamato! Ichinose says that he will confess his love to Yamato if he wins a pastry competition that he is participating in. Takeo wishes him luck since he knows how hard Ichinose devotes himself to being a pastry chef. On the day of the contest, Takeo can't help feeling worried...

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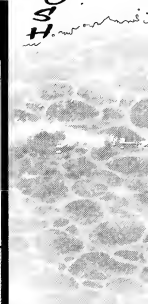
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MY
Love
STORY!!



MY love **STORY!!**

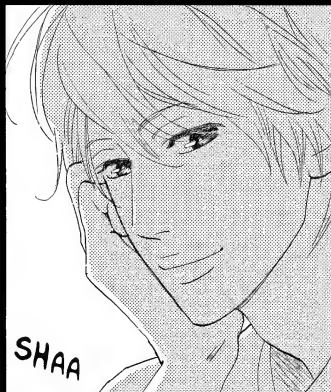


HEH





IT MADE ME
KINDA HAPPY
TO SEE YOU
LIKE THAT.



SHAA

EVERYTHING'S
ABSOLUTELY
FINE, OKAY?

SHAA



SHE'S
IN LOVE
WITH YOU.

SHAA



THANKS.

I MEAN...

EX-
CEPT
...

I
GUESS.

SURE...

IF
YOU'RE
SURE...

YOU
THINK SO?
I THOUGHT
I WAS JUST
BEING
HONEST.

HEH...

YOU'RE
BEING
SO NICE
TO ME!!

HA HA HA HA

YOU'D
ABSOLUTELY
NEVER DO
THAT.

NO, YOU
WON'T.

WHY
ARE YOU
LAUGHING
?!
CUT IT
OUT!

IF YOU
EVER GET
A GIRL-
FRIEND
AND GET
WORRIED
ABOUT
THIS
STUFF,
I'LL
LAUGH
AT YOU!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA



I
SEE.

...BUT
HOW CAN
YOU BE
SO SURE?

YOU KEEP
SAYING
"ABSO-
LUTELY"...

HE SAID
"ABSO-
LUTELY"
AGAIN.

SPLOOSH

HMM...
I GUESS YOU
CAN BE MORE
OBJECTIVE WHEN
YOU'RE LOOKING
AT A SITUATION
FROM THE
OUTSIDE.

I'M
GLAD
THAT...

I HOPE
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

IT'LL
BE
FINE.

...SUNA'S
HERE
FOR ME.



OH,
WOW!

THERE'RE
TV CREWS
HERE AND
EVERY-
THING!



THERE
SURE
ARE.

LOOK—
THAT'S SUZUKI,
THE PASTRY
CHEF AT
PÂTISSERIE
SHU.

WHAT?!
I'VE EATEN
THERE
BEFORE!

THAT'S A
REALLY
FAMOUS
SHOP!

AND
THAT'S
MIKURA OF
CHOCOLAT
CHAUD.

WHOA!
I KNOW
THAT
PLACE!

AND
OVER
THERE,
THAT'S...

WOW!!

"I'M
SURE
YOU'LL
WIN!"

"GOOD
LUCK!"

HEH!

YEAH!

WE'RE
GONNA
BE THE
CHAMPS!

IT'S
GOING
TO BE
GREAT.

I HAVE
MY MUSE
WITH ME.

OKAY.
I'LL GET
THE GOLD
MEDAL...

...FOR YOU,
RINKO.

CHAMPS
?

LET'S
GET THE
GOLD
MEDAL!

OH, LET
ME RE-
PHRASE
THAT.



GOT
IT.



IT'S
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
DO FOR
YOURSELF!

HUH?
NO,
DON'T
DO IT
FOR
ME!



RIGHT.
EVERYONE
BUT THE
PARTICIPANTS
AND THE
JUDGES HAS
TO KEEP THEIR
DISTANCE.

AND I
CAN'T
HELP YOU
ONCE IT
BEGINS,
RIGHT?

WE
STILL HAVE
SOME
TIME UNTIL
IT STARTS,
HUH?

YEAH,
A
LITTLE
BIT.

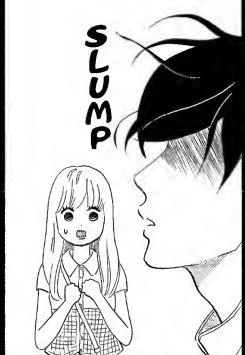
IS THERE
ANYTHING
YOU WANT ME
TO DO RIGHT
NOW?

I'M
FEELING
RELAXED,
SO NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

I'M
READY
TO—

I GUESS
SHE
WANTS
ME TO
GET IT
FOR
BOTH
OF US.



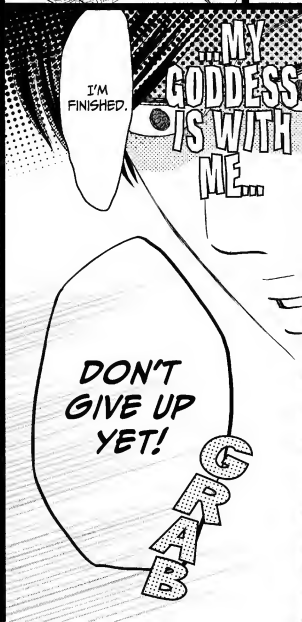


SURE



I
FORGOT
ALL
OF MY
TOOLS
AT THE
SHOP.

WHAT
?!



I'M
FINISHED.

...MY
GODDESS
IS WITH
ME...

DON'T
GIVE UP
YET!

BARG
BARG



IT'S
OVER.

EVEN
THOUGH



WE
STILL
HAVE
TIME...

...BUT
NOT
LONG
ENOUGH
TO GET
THEM.

I CAN'T
ASK THE
MANAGER
TO LEAVE
THE SHOP
AND BRING
THEM...

MY
GODDESS

...

...IS
PRETTY
STRONG,
ISNT
SHE?

I KNOW
SOMEONE
WHO'S GOOD
AT FIXING
SITUATIONS
LIKE THIS!

NOT
AFTER
WORKING
SO HARD
TO GET
HERE!

LISTEN,
I'M AT
THE
EVENT
HALL...

YAMATO?
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

TAKEO!

RRRING
RRRING

AH!

HELLO?

SHE
CAN'T
MEAN

**IT'S
USE-
LESS,
RINKO
!!**

...ICHINOSE
FORGOT
THE TOOLS
HE NEEDS
BACK AT
THE SHOP.

I WON'T
LET YOU
HAVE
HER!

HE'D
NEVER
WANT ME
TO GET
THE GOLD
MEDAL.

BUT OF
COURSE
RINKO
HAS NO
WAY OF
KNOWING
THAT.

HE'D
NEVER
HELP
ME!

THE
THING
IS...

HUH
?

ICHINOSE,
HOW
WILL HE
RECOGNIZE
YOUR
TOOLS?!

AT TEN
O'CLOCK!

WHAT
TIME DOES
IT START?!

SO WE
HAVE AN
HOUR!
WHERE
EXACTLY
ARE
YOU?

THEY'RE
IN A
BLACK
CASE...

...WITH
MY NAME
WRITTEN
ON IT IN
WHITE...

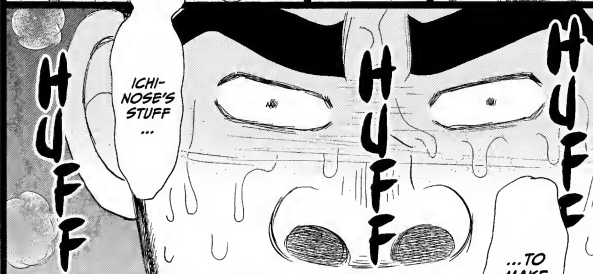
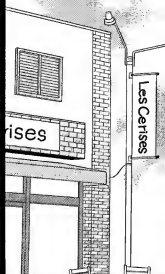
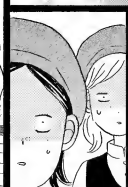
**GOT IT!
I HEARD!**

AT THE
SHUEI
HOTEL!



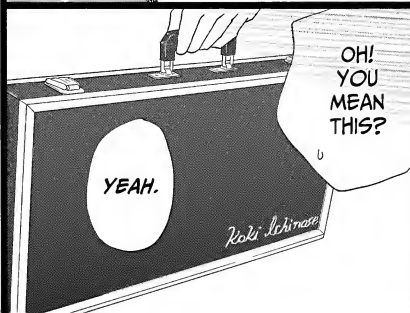


FOR-
GOT...
THINGS
...



ICHI-
NOSE'S
STUFF
...

...TO
MAKE
CAKE...



OH!
YOU
MEAN
THIS?

YEAH.

Koki Ichinose

WHAT
?!

OKAY!

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

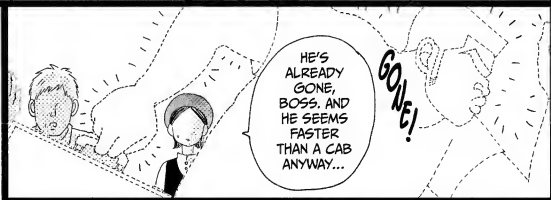
LET ME GIVE YOU SOME MONEY FOR A CAB—



IF HE'D CALLED ME, I WOULD HAVE TAKEN THEM OVER.

HE MUST'VE BEEN TOO WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING US SHORTHANDED.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE FORGOT TO BRING HIS TOOLS WITH HIM!



HE'S ALREADY GONE, BOSS. AND HE SEEMS FASTER THAN A CAB ANYWAY...

GONE!



ICHINOSE!





I...
DON'T
THINK
HE'LL
COME.



HUH?



I KNOW
YOU'D
RATHER
HAVE
YOUR
OWN
TOOLS...

I HOPE
TAKEO
FOUND
THEM!



I ASKED
AROUND
AND FOUND
SOMEONE
WHO'LL LEND
YOU SOME
TOOLS.

TAKE A
LOOK AND
SEE IF
THEY'LL
GET YOU
THROUGH.



**IF HE
HELPS ME,
I'LL TAKE
RINKO
FROM
HIM!**

**HE
SAID HE
WOULD,
BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY
HE'LL
TURN UP.**



?

**THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!**

IT'LL
BE FINE!
I'M SURE
HE'LL
MANAGE
SOMEHOW!







TROMP

TROMP

TROMP

TROMP

TROMP

**HE'S
HERE
?!**





HE MADE
IT IN TIME,
ICHINOSE!

YEAH.



RIGHT!



I'M
GOING
TO GET
THE
GOLD
MEDAL.



COULD
YOU...
STICK
AROUND
?



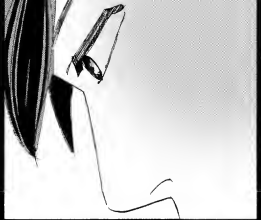
ZOOM

FIRST ANNUAL
C'EST NOUVEAU
PÂTISSIER CONCOURS





**GOOD
LUCK!**



**I CAN'T HELP
FEELING LIKE HE'S
WISHING ME LUCK.**



GLANCE



**IS HE
STUPID?
THERE'S NO
WAY HE'S
FORGOTTEN
WHAT I
SAID!**



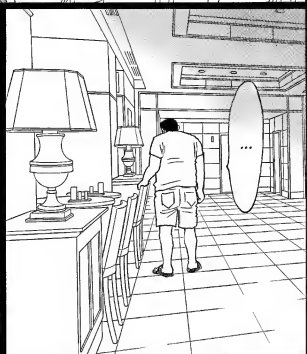
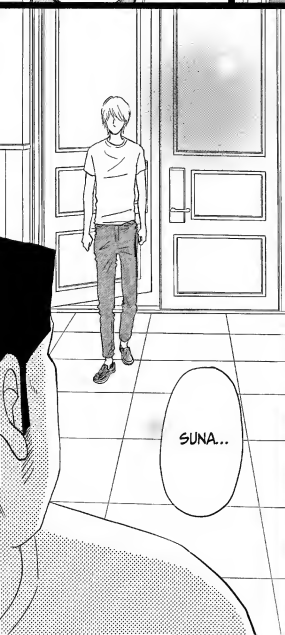
**GOOD
LUCK!**



**I WON'T
LET YOU
HAVE
HER!**







THEY'RE
ALL SO
IMPORTANT...

YOU'D THINK
WE'D BE ABLE
TO SEE THEM...
I WONDER WHY
WE CAN'T?

...AND
MINDS...

...AND
SOULS...

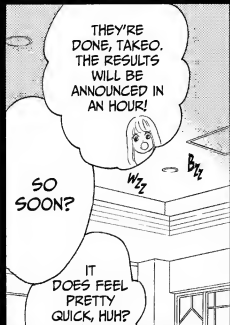
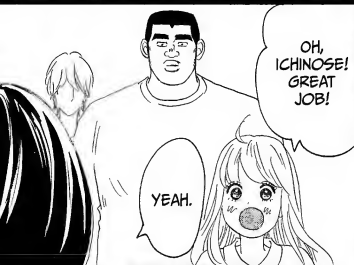
...

FEELINGS...

SOUNDS
LIKE IT.

IS IT
OVER?

YEAH!
BZZ





BECAUSE
OF YOUR
HELP, I
WAS ABLE
TO DO
MY BEST
WORK.

THANK
YOU.



HMM? DID
YOU SAY
SOMETHING,
TAKEO?



IT'S
NOTHING.



I'M
GRATEFUL,
BUT THAT
WON'T MAKE
ME BACK
DOWN.

I
UNDER-
STAND!



THANK
YOU FOR
WAITING.



NOTHING
AT ALL.



WE'RE
ABOUT TO
ANNOUNCE
THE
RESULTS...

...SO
WE'D LIKE
ALL OF OUR
PARTICIPANTS...

...TO COME
TO THE
FRONT.



HE
SURE IS
TALKING
A LOT.

THIS IS THE
FIRST ANNUAL
C'EST NOUVEAU
PÂTISSIER
CONCOURS.

YOUNG
PASTRY
CHEFS HAVE
GATHERED
HERE FROM
ACROSS
THE
COUNTRY...

SO!

...AND EACH OF
THEM HAS SHOWN
TREMENDOUS
PROFESSIONALISM
AND SKILL.

NOW, THE
MOMENT
YOU'VE
ALL BEEN
WAITING
FOR!

THE SILVER
MEDALISTS
ARE SHINYA
SUZUKI...

...AND
HIROTO
MIKURA!

AND
NOW...

YEAH...

CLAP
CLAP

CLAP
CLAP

...C'EST
NOUVEAU
PÂTISSIER
CONCOURS
GOES TO...

...THE
GOLD
MEDAL
FOR THE
FIRST
ANNUAL...

...KOKI
ICHINOSE!

W
O
O
W



I WANTED IT
TO HAVE ITS
OWN DISTINCT
FLAVOR—
ONE THAT
PEOPLE WOULD
KEEP COMING
BACK TO.

A TASTE
THAT WOULD
LEAVE AN
UNFORGET-
TABLE
IMPRESSION!

WHAT
WAS THE
CONCEPT
BEHIND
YOUR
CAKE?



I TRIED
TO MAKE
IT HAVE
A REAL
IMPACT
ON THE
PALATE.



...AND
IT PAID
OFF.

HE
WORKED
HARD...

AMAZING.

AFTER
THIS, WE'LL
BE TAKING
PHOTOS
OF OUR
WINNERS.



CONGRATS!

CONGRATU-
LATIONS,
ICHINOSE!



I
KNOW,
RIGHT?

ICHINOSE'S
REALLY
SOME-
THING.

THIS IS
GREAT,
HUH,
YAMATO?

YEAH!

OH!



HUH?



I'M SO
EXCITED!

... "RINCO."

I'M
THINKING
OF
CALLING
IT...



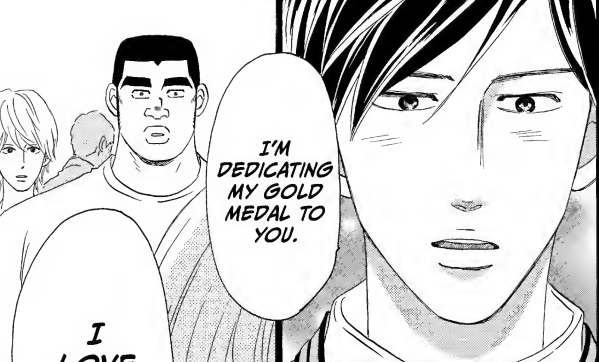
YOU SAID YOUR
CONCEPT WAS
FINISHED, BUT
YOU ADDED
SOMETHING
AT THE LAST
MINUTE!

THAT
SURPRISED
ME!

YEAH.

I WANT
TO TRY
IT! WILL
YOU BE
SELLING
IT AT THE
SHOP?

I
THINK I
WILL.



**I'M
DEDICATING
MY GOLD
MEDAL TO
YOU.**

**I
LOVE
YOU.**

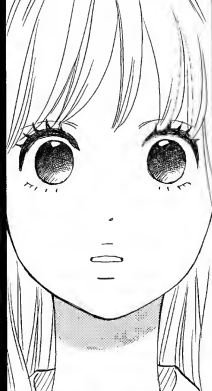


**PLEASE
BE MY
GIRL-
FRIEND.**

**I NEED
YOU WITH
ME.**

**WILL YOU
BE MY MUSE
FOREVER?**





YAMATO...

I'LL
BE...

...JUST
FINE.

...

OH...

UM, I'M
SORRY.

IT'S SO
SUDDEN
...

THIS NEVER
OCCURRED
TO ME.
YOU
SUR-
PRISED
ME.



BUT I
STILL
HOPE...

...I'LL DO
ALL I CAN
TO MAKE
SURE
YOU'RE
HAPPY.

EVEN
IF YOU
DON'T
STAY
WITH
ME...



IF
I CAN
HELP
YOU
OUT...

WILL
YOU...

...YOU'LL
CHOOSE
ME.

I LOVE
YOUR
WORK
SO
MUCH...

...I'D
BE
GLAD
TO.

...STAY
WITH ME,
SMILING
LIKE YOU
DO...?





BUT SINCE
THE FIRST
DAY I MET
HIM...

...MY
WHOLE
HEART...

...HAS
BELONGED
TO TAKEO.



FEELINGS...

MINDS...

SOULS...

...THE
MORE IT
FEELS
LIKE THEY
DON'T
EXIST.

AND THE
HARDER
YOU
TRY TO
FIGURE
THEM
OUT...

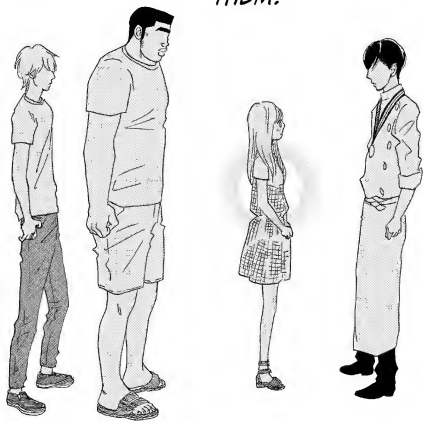
THEY'RE
SO
IMPORTANT,
BUT
THEY'RE
INVISIBLE.

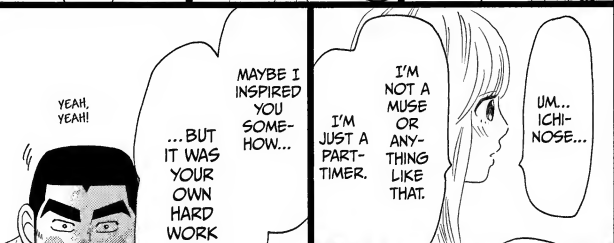
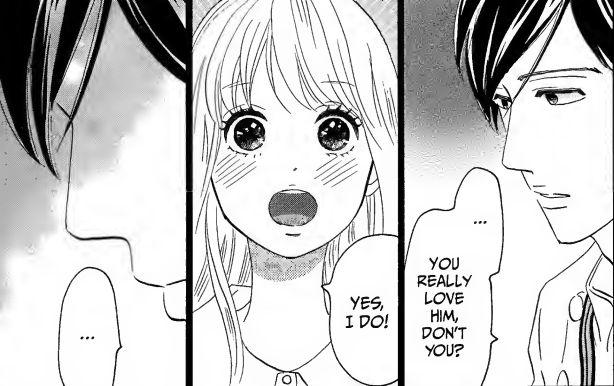
**...RIGHT
NOW...**

BUT...

**...I CAN
REACH
OUT AND
TOUCH
THEM.**

**...I
ALMOST
FEEL
LIKE...**







OF
COURSE
I WILL.



SO I HOPE
YOU'LL KEEP
MAKING
WONDERFUL
CAKES!

**WHY ARE YOU
AGREEING SO
READILY?**



AND YOU
SHOULD
LEARN A
LITTLE
MORE
ABOUT
BAKING.

WILL
DO.

WELL, IT
IS WHAT
IT IS.
TAKE
CARE OF
HER.

OKAY.

**...BUT SHE'S
DEFINITELY
BETTER SUITED
FOR ME—**



**I KNOW
HE'S A
GREAT
GUY...**



**NO,
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.**



...WHO HAD
THE WRONG
IDEA.

I WAS
THE ONE
...

SHE
LOVES
HIM.

GOOD-
BYE

...MY
GODDESS.

...AND
THANK
YOU...





FOR HOW LONG?!

YEAH.

FOR A WHILE NOW.



TAKED...
WHAT
ICHINOSE
SAID BACK
THERE...

DID YOU
KNOW HE
FELT THAT
WAY?



YEAH.

HA HA!
I HOPE
HE WINS
A GOLD
MEDAL.

I DIDN'T
NOTICE
AT ALL.

I CAN'T
EVEN
IMAGINE
WHAT YOU
MUST HAVE
BEEN GOING
THROUGH—

I'M SO
DENSE!

SO I
DIDN'T
THINK
ABOUT
HOW YOU
MUST'VE
FELT.

IT NEVER
CROSSED
MY MIND TO
THINK ABOUT
HIM LIKE
THAT.



ALL I
THOUGHT
WAS THAT
I DIDN'T
WANT YOU
TO BE WITH
ANYONE
ELSE.





...RINKO.

THANK
YOU FOR
FALLING IN
LOVE WITH
ME...

SO
THAT'S...

...HOW SHE
LOOKS...

HUH...
?

...WHEN I
USE HER
FIRST
NAME.

YEAH.

SOMEDAY,
SAYING
YOUR NAME
LIKE THAT
WILL COME
NATURALLY.

GIVE ME
SOME
TIME.

SURE.





RIN-KO...

COME BACK ANYTIME.



SAME HERE.

YOU HELPED ME A LOT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



THANKS FOR WORKING HERE, YAMATO.

IT WAS GREAT HAVING YOU.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ICHINOSE!

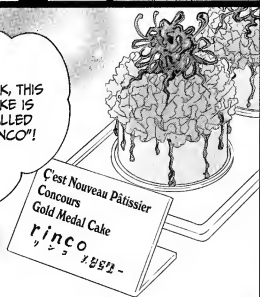
I WILL!
I'LL COME AGAIN!



OH!!

IT HAS THE SAME NAME AS YOU, RIN.

LOOK, THIS CAKE IS CALLED "RINCO"!



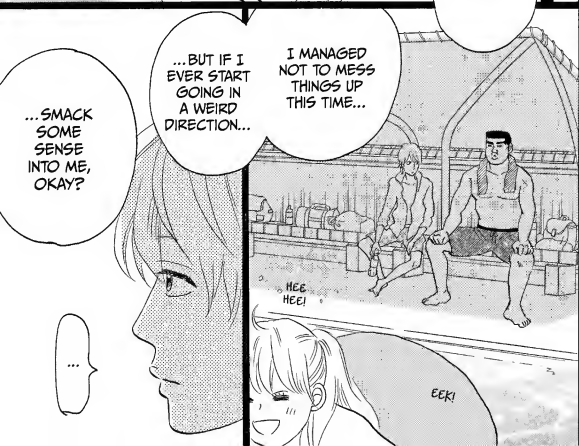
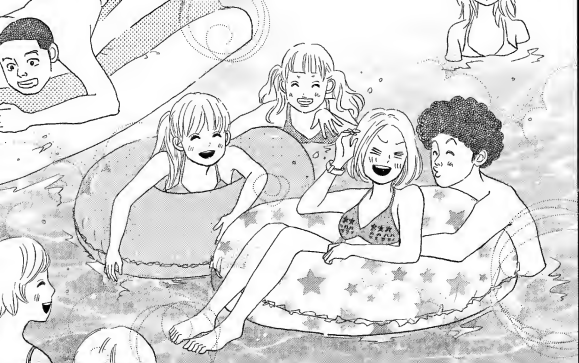
C'est Nouveau Pâtissier
Concours
Gold Medal Cake

rinco
リンコ



AH
HA
HA
HA!

E
E
E
E
E!



...STRAIGHT-
FORWARD...

I'LL
TRY TO
BE...

HEADS
WOULD
ROLL.

MEANING
MINE.

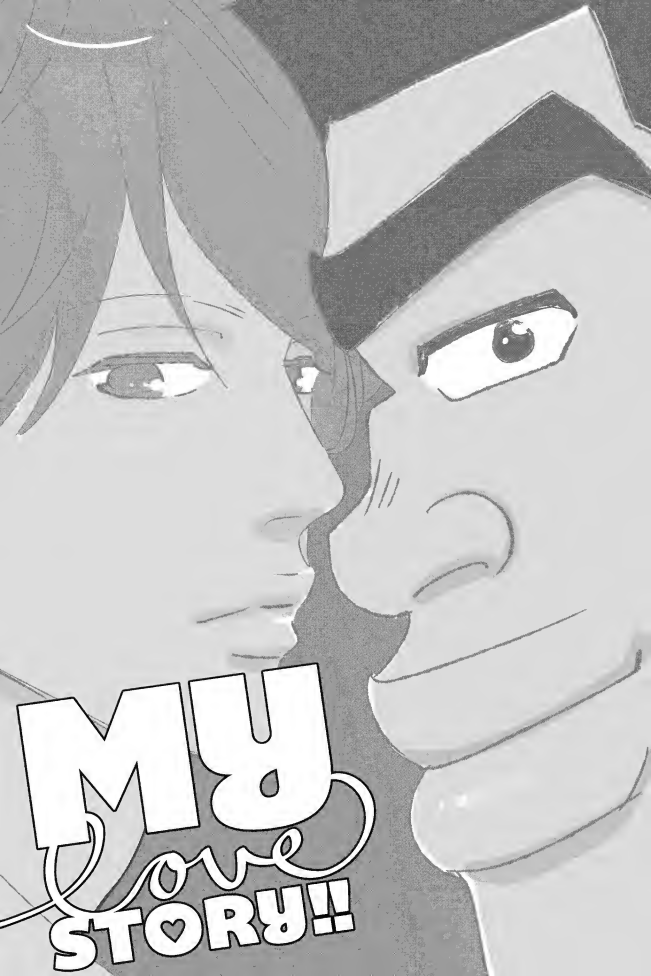
COME
SWIM
WITH
ME!

TAKED!



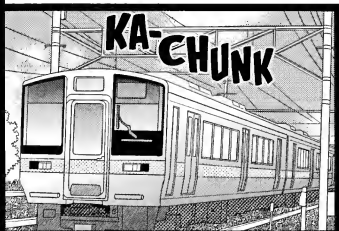
...THOSE
INVISIBLE,
IMPORTANT
THINGS.

...SO
THAT
YAMATO
CAN
ALWAYS
SENSE...

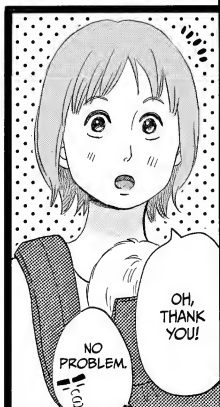


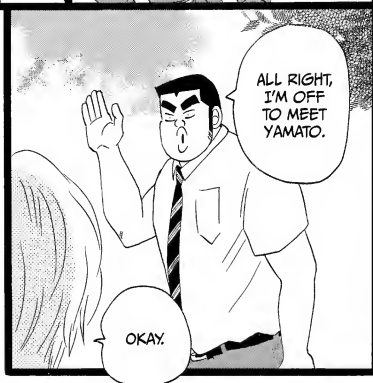
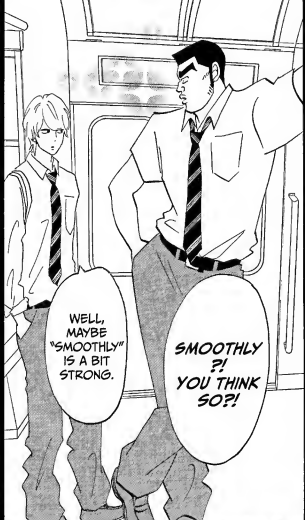
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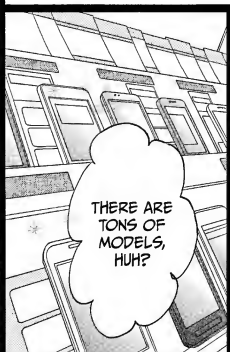




MY love
STORY!!









IT'S MY
FIRST-
EVER
SMART-
PHONE.



THAT
WORRIED
ME AT FIRST
TOO, BUT
YOU GET
USED TO IT
FAST.

THERE
AREN'T
VERY
MANY
BUTTONS.



HMM?

LAST TIME I
SAW HIM, HE
LOOKED A
LOT MORE
TAN THAN HE
USED TO!



HE'S
GOTTEN
REALLY
TAN LATELY,
HUH?

YEAH.

NOW WE
CAN TALK
TO EACH
OTHER
WITH LINE!



SUNAKAWA
HAS A
SMARTPHONE
TOO, RIGHT?

YEAH, HE'S
HAD ONE
FOR A
WHILE.





I GUESS
I'VE BEEN
TAKING
THAT FOR
GRANTED.

HE
UNDERSTANDS
PEOPLE
WITHOUT THEM
NEEDING TO
SAY ANYTHING.



YEAH!

THAT'S A
GREAT
IDEA!

OKAY!
I'LL DO
MY BEST!

JUST
LIKE SUNA
DOES.

...AND SEE IF
I CAN NOTICE
HOW OTHER
PEOPLE ARE
FEELING,
EVEN IF THEY
CAN'T TALK
ABOUT IT.

FROM
NOW ON,
I'M GONNA
TRY TO
BE MORE
AWARE...

I WANT TO
BECOME
A BETTER
PERSON
MYSELF...

SOME-
THING
HE'D
REALLY
ENJOY.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
FOR HIM?

YEAH.

IT'S HIS
BIRTHDAY
SOON,
RIGHT?

THAT'D
BE
GREAT!

...INSTEAD
OF TAKING
PEOPLE
FOR
GRANTED.

I WANT
TO BE
SOME-
ONE...

REACH

...SUNA
CAN
RELY
ON.





OH...

THAT'S ALL HM?

I WAS WONDERING WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT.

SO THAT'S IT...



THANK YOU!

NO PROBLEM.



I'M PRETTY BIG...

...SO I FIGURED IF I DIDN'T SAY SOMETHING, PEOPLE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING.

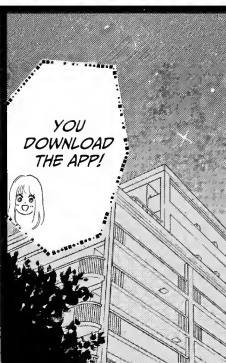
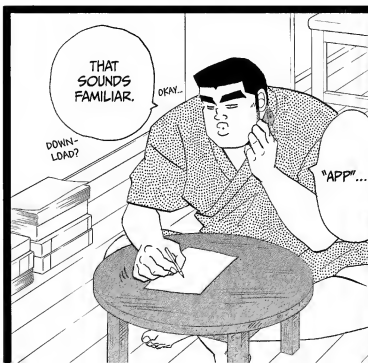


HUH? YEAH.

SOMEONE THANKED YOU INSTEAD OF MISUNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU WERE DOING.

GUESS SO.

EXPLAINING YOURSELF WAS A GOOD CALL.





Read
20:03

Yamato

What should we do for
Sunakawa's birthday? 🎵

TWEET!

TWEET!

TWITCH

TWITCH

I REALLY
DO RELY
ON SUNA
A LOT.

All right! ♥ We connected! ♥
I'm so excited that we can
chat here now, Takeo! ♥

WHEW
...

ANYWAY,
LET'S
SEE...

Read
I'll ask him if he
wants anything.

IT
SURE
CHIRPS
A LOT...

TWITCH

TWEET!





HUH?

DID YOU
KNOCK
BEFORE
COMING
IN?

KA-CHAK



HEY.

I'M
COMING
IN.

SURE.



WELL...
NOT
MUCH...

SO
WHAT'S
UP?

I
WONDER
IF I CAN
GET HIM
TO TELL
ME WHAT
HE'D LIKE.



HMM?
DID I?



...

YOU HAVE
A SMART-
PHONE?

HUH?

YEAH. YAMATO
WANTED TO USE
LINE WITH ME,
SO I BOUGHT
ONE EARLIER.

TWITCH

TWEET!

WHAT
THE-
?!

TWEET!

NOW I CAN
LOOK UP
INFORMATION
ON STORES AND
STUFF INSTEAD
OF GETTING
YOU TO DO IT.

WITH
THIS.

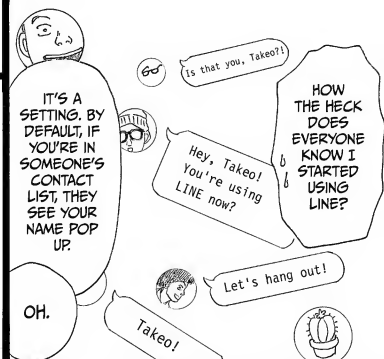
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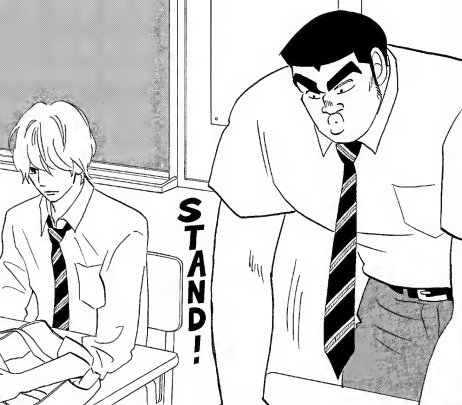
GAH!

TWEET!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

...





2 - 1

BYE!

SEE
YOU!



BYE,
TAKED!

—YEAH

SEE
YOU
LATER,
TAKED!

LATER,
TAKED!

...



YAMATO
AND I HAVE
PLANS
TODAY.

OKAY.
BYE.



HUH
?!

YOU
HAD
THAT
MANY
MES-
SAGES
FROM
YOUR
FRIENDS
?

IS
EVERY-
THING
OKAY?

YESTERDAY
I SPENT
ALL MY TIME
ANSWERING
PEOPLE.

I DIDN'T
DECIDE
WHAT TO DO
ABOUT SUNA'S
BIRTHDAY.



HOW
ABOUT
SOME
WARM
SLIPPERS
?

LAST YEAR
WE GOT
HIM A
BLANKET.

OR HOW
ABOUT ROOM
SHOES?
SOMETHING
HE CAN WEAR
AROUND THE
HOUSE.

THAT
SOUNDS
PRETTY
TOASTY.



YOU
SURE
HAVE
LOTS OF
FRIENDS.

HA
HA!
♡

YEAH,
THINGS
HAVE
SETTLED
DOWN.



OKAY, LET'S
THINK OF
SOMETHING
TOGETHER.

BUT I DIDN'T
GET TO ASK
SUNA WHAT
HE WANTS
FOR HIS
BIRTHDAY.



SUNA'S
PROBABLY
FEELING
CAUTIOUS
THIS
YEAR!

WE NEED
TO TALK
ABOUT
THIS ON
LINE!

YEAH!
ON
LINE!

HMM?
NOTHING.

WHAT'S
WRONG,
TAKEO?

TAKEO HAS
BEEN OUT
ALL DAY, SO
I FIGURED
HE WAS WITH
YOU.

NO, I
HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
TODAY.

PROBABLY.

THEN HE'S
PROBABLY
WITH MISS
YAMATO.

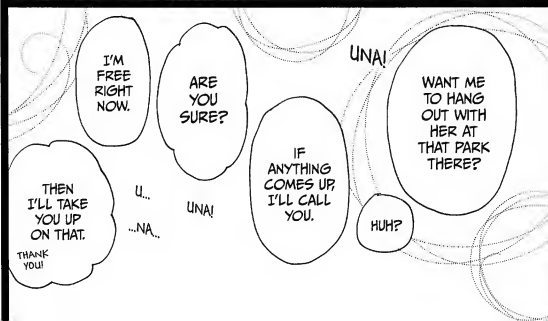
HELLO.

OH, HELLO,
MAKOTO.

OUT
FOR A
WALK?

JUST
HEADING
HOME
FROM THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE.

OH,
I
SEE.







PLOP



WHUMP!



STAND



WOW,
YOU'RE
STRONG!

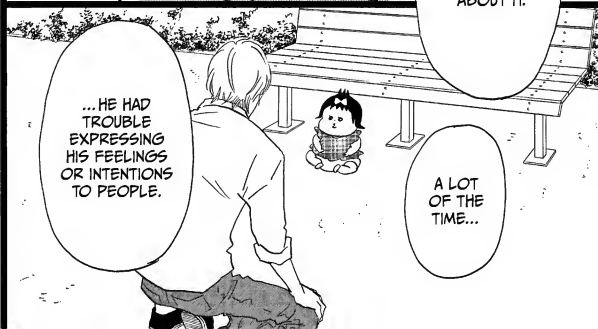
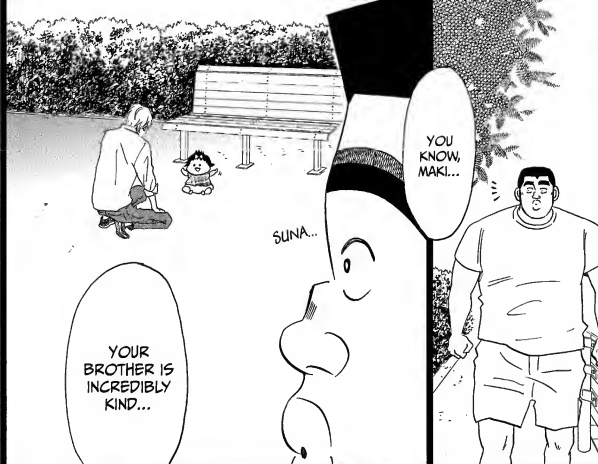
FLIP



KYA
HA!

NA!

...





...MAKES
YOU START
THINKING
ABOUT A LOT
OF THINGS.
IT CHANGES
YOU.

HAVING
A GIRL-
FRIEND...

BUT I THINK
THINGS
MIGHT BE
DIFFERENT
NOW.



AND NOW, ALL
OF A SUDDEN,
HE EVEN HAS A
SMARTPHONE.

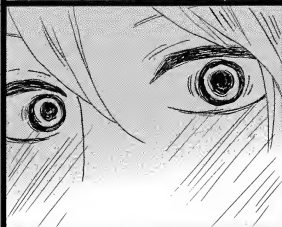
MAYBE HE
DOESN'T
REALLY
NEED ME
ANYMORE.

...IT MAKES
ME FEEL
LONELY.

SKFF

BUT
WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT
IT...

THAT
SHOULD
BE A
GOOD
THING,
RIGHT?









...



WHY DID
YOU TALK
TO MAKI
INSTEAD
OF ME?



SUNA...

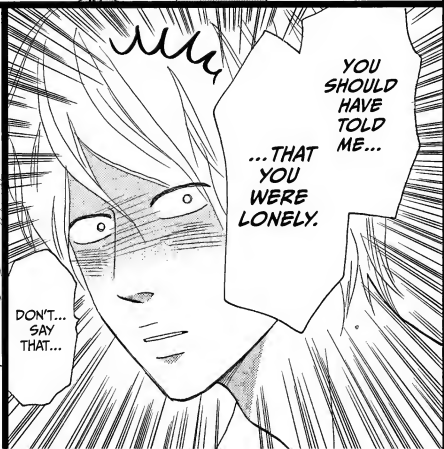


...

...



...



YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD
ME...
...THAT
YOU
WERE
LONELY.

DON'T...
SAY
THAT...



...I'VE
THOUGHT
ABOUT STUFF
THAT NEVER
OCCURRED
TO ME
BEFORE.

SINCE
BEING
WITH
YAMATO...

AND I
REALIZED
SOMETHING.



DID I
ACTUALLY
SAY
THAT?

YOU'RE
BEING
STUB-
BORN!



...I'M EVEN
MORE
GRATEFUL
THAN EVER
THAT I
HAVE SUCH
A GREAT
FRIEND.

NOW
THAT I
HAVE A
GIRL-
FRIEND...





THAT
SOUNDS
GOOD.

SURE.



THAT'S...
NOT REALLY
SOMETHING
I CAN DO.

...

WHAT
?!

HOW
COME?



SO
FROM
NOW
ON, I'M
GOING
TO
TELL
YOU
HOW I
FEEL!
OUT
LOUD!

COULD
YOU BACK
UP?

I
THOUGHT
YOU KNEW
EVERY-
THING
ABOUT ME,
BUT NOW
I THINK
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.



I WANT
YOU TO
SAY STUFF
OUT LOUD
TOO..

...



IT'S MY
FAULT IF I
CAN'T FIGURE
OUT HOW YOU
FEEL, BUT IT'S
YOUR FAULT
TOO FOR
NOT SAYING
ANYTHING!

DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT!

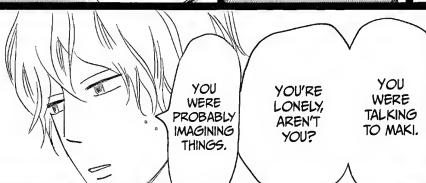
"I CAN'T
SAY IT
OUT
LOUD."

HMPH.



HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
KNOW IF YOU
DON'T TELL
ME?

I CAN'T
SAY IT
OUT
LOUD.



YOU
WERE
PROBABLY
IMAGINING
THINGS.

YOU'RE
LONELY,
AREN'T
YOU?

YOU
WERE
TALKING
TO MAKI.



DID I
IMAGINE
THAT?



WHY
ARE YOU
GETTING
SULKY?

YOU'RE
BEING
DIFFICULT.

YOU'RE
JUST TOO
SIMPLE.



WE
TOOK A
TRAIN
AND
A BUS
TO GET
HERE.

THAT'S
NOT
REALLY
POSSIBLE.

I GUESS
WE'LL
HAVE TO
WALK
HOME.

WHEN
WE GOT
HERE, I
WAS ONLY
PAYING
ATTENTION
TO SUNA...

TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
BELONGINGS!
LEAVE
VALUABLES
IN THE
LOCKERS!

...

DID YOU
LOCK YOUR
LOCKER?

THIS WAS
THE ONLY
BIRTHDAY
PRESENT
I NEED.

I SEE.
THAT'S
GOOD.

BUT YOU'RE
PROBABLY
PLANNING
SOMETHING
ANYWAY.

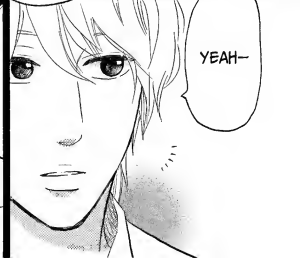
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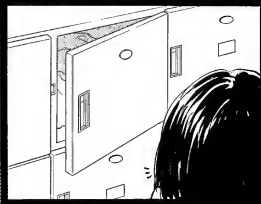
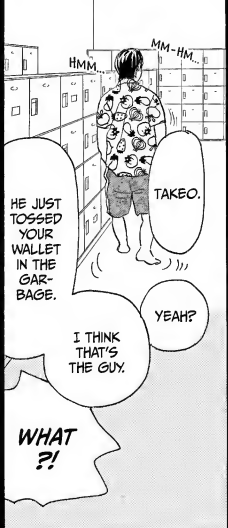
GULP

I'VE GOT
MY WALLET,
SO I'LL
TAKE CARE
OF IT.

SORRY...

IT'S FINE.
I HAD
FUN.











I
SEE.

I WON'T
FORCE
MYSELF
TO BE
SOMETHING
I'M NOT.

I'M NOT
SO SURE
THAT'S A
STRONG
POINT.

HEY,
SUNA!
WHAT
DO I
DO?!

AL-
READY ?!

IT'S NOT
TURNING
ON! IS IT
BROKEN
?!

HUH
?!

YOU
PROBABLY
DIDN'T
CHARGE
IT.

WE'LL
START
WITH
THE
BASICS
...

THAT'S
WHAT
THEY'RE
CALLED
?

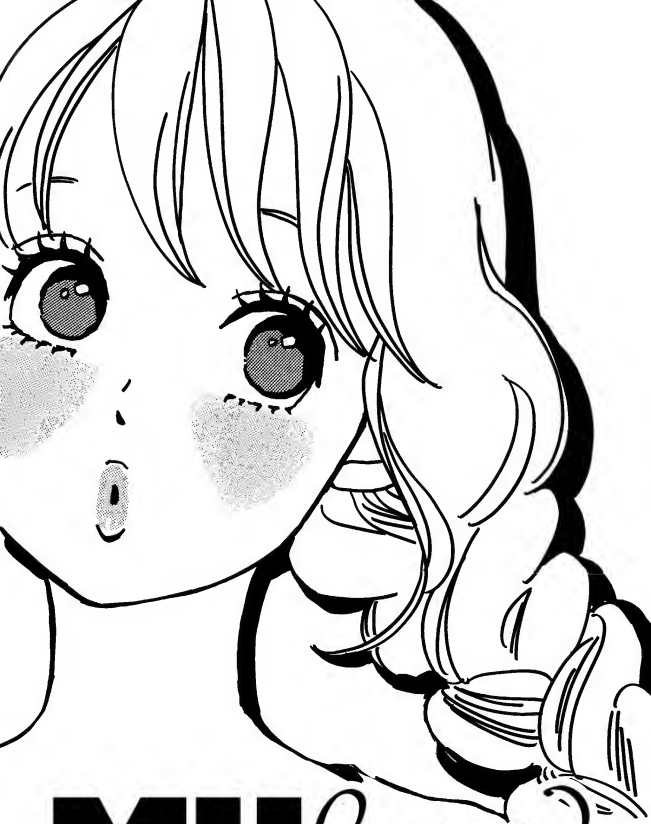
YOU
MEAN
STAMPS
?

WHAT
ARE YOU
SUPPOSED
TO DO WHEN
THOSE
PICTURES POP
UP IN LINE?

HEY,
SUNA?

I REALLY
DON'T KNOW
HOW TO USE
SMARTPHONES.
CAN YOU TEACH
ME?

SURE.



MY *love* **STORY!!**



NON-STUDENTS
ARE
ALLOWED
TO GO,
RIGHT?

UH-
HUH.

I'LL BE
THERE!

GOOD.

BOYS
FROM OTHER
SCHOOLS
COME AND
TRY TO PICK
UP GIRLS ALL
THE TIME.

SINCE WE'RE
A GIRLS'
SCHOOL.

WHAT
?!



YOU'D
LOOK
AMAZING
IN A COP
UNIFORM!

LIKE
REIKO
FROM
KOCHI-
KAME!*

WEIRDO.

YOU CAN
HANDCUFF
ME
ANYTIME!



WOW!

YOUR
CLASS IS
DOING A
POLICE
CAFÉ
FOR YOUR
SCHOOL
FESTIVAL?!

WHAT
A COOL
IDEA!!

* KOCHI-KAME IS SHORT FOR
KOCHIRA KATSUSHIKA-KU KAMEARI
KOEN-MAE HASHUTSUJO, A LONG-
RUNNING COMEDY MANGA SERIES.

MY love **STORY!!**



**YOU
WON'T
HAVE
ANYTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT!**

**I'LL BE
THERE TO
PROTECT
YOU!**

**IF ANY
CREEPY
DUDES SNIFF
AROUND YOU,
I'LL KICK
THEIR BUTTS!**



**LAST YEAR
SO MANY
GUYS WERE
AFTER ME
THAT I HAD
TO HIDE IN A
BATHROOM.**

**THE BOYS
WHO CAME
DON'T
RESPECT
US.**

**THAT
SOUNDS
DANGER-
OUS!**



**THAT'S
AMAZING...**



I'M IN
CHARGE
OF ALL THE
FOOD PREP,
SO I'LL BE IN
THE KITCHEN
ALL DAY. WE
MIGHT NOT
SEE EACH
OTHER
MUCH.

YOU'RE
SURE
YOU
DON'T
MIND?
I MEAN,
I'M HAPPY
ABOUT IT,
BUT...

I
SEE.

YEP.

TAKEO!

I WAS
TALKING TO
NANAKO.

SHE SAID
YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS ARE
GOING TO ACT
AS GUARDS?

SO
WORK
HARD
AND
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT A
THING!

I'LL
MAKE SURE
NOTHING
GOES
WRONG
AT YOUR
FESTIVAL,
YAMATO!

THAT
PART'S DIS-
APPOINTING!
YOU'RE
TAKING
THE TIME
TO COME
SEE THE
FESTIVAL...
(SOB)

I'LL
MAKE
SURE TO
COME
OUT AND
SEE
YOU!

OKAY!

GOOD
LUCK.

THANKS.
I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

I'VE
NEVER
BEEN
INSIDE
BEFORE.

YAMATO'S
SCHOOL...

THE
DAY
OF
THE
FESTI-
VAL...

THEY'RE ON THE
FAR SIDE OF THE
SECOND FLOOR.

NANAKO
AND THE
OTHERS, I
MEAN.

CHATTER
CHATTER

HA
HA
HA

¥200

I'LL
PASS,
THANKS.

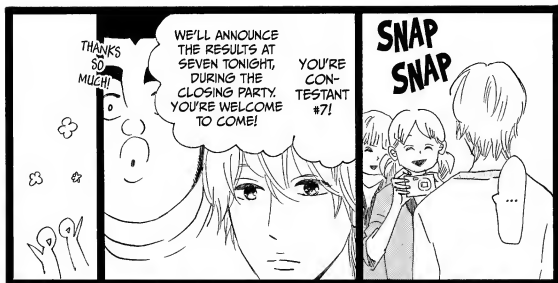
WE'RE
HAVING A
BEAUTY
CONTEST
WITH OUR
MALE
VISITORS!

HELP
THEM
OUT.

WOULD
YOU
LIKE
TO ENTER
?

EXCUSE
ME!

WE'RE
WITH THE
FESTIVAL
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE!



GOOD
LUCK,
YAMATO!



I'D
BETTER
GET
BACK TO
WORK!

OKAY.



THANKS
FOR
HELPING
US TODAY!
WE'RE
COUNTING
ON YOU.

NO
PROBLEM.

SINCE YOU
WANTED TO
BE GUARDS,
WE PUT
TOGETHER
SPECIAL
OUTFITS
FOR YOU.

OH!
REALLY?



IS
THIS ALL
RIGHT?

I'M DRESSED
DIFFERENTLY
FROM THE
REST OF
YOU.



TH...
THANKS
...

UHH
...

HEY!
NO
FAIR!

I'M
NOT THAT
STRONG,
ANYWAY...



WOULD
YOU
LIKE
A
SOME
TEA?
HAVE
A
SEAT.
SUNA-
KANAI

THE SHIRT
AND SLACKS
WERE
STORE-
BOUGHT,
THOUGH.

RINKO
SEWED
THE
BADGES
AND
STUFF
ONTO
THAT
SHIRT.

AWW...

YA-
MATO
...

THANK
YOU.

WOOOW!

WE'LL BE
STANDING BY
BEHIND THE
SCENES.

CALL US IF
YOU RUN INTO
TROUBLE.

POLICE
★
Café
★

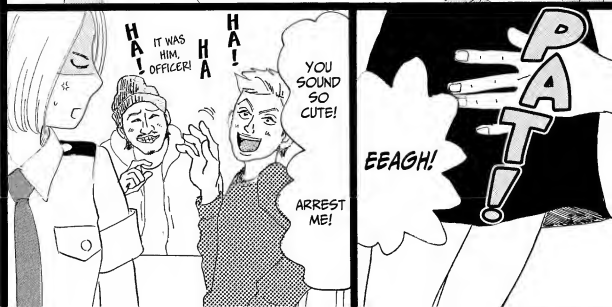
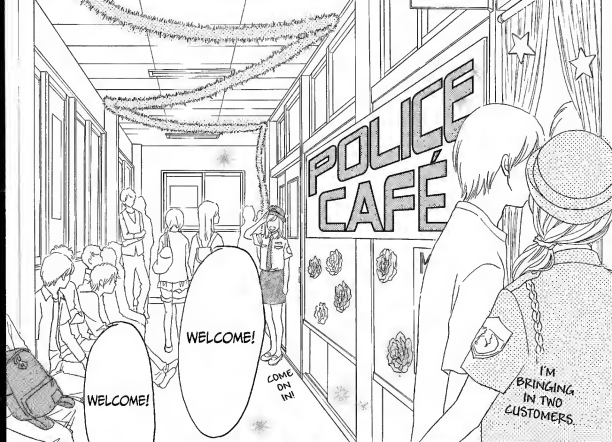
OKAY!
THANK
YOU!

THAT'S
SO
COOL!

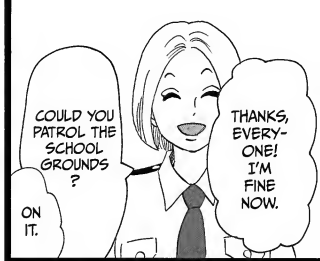
YOU
LOOK
GREAT!

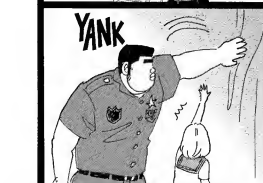
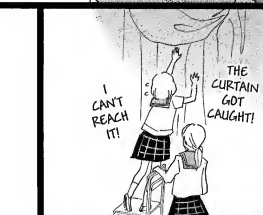
YOU
LOOK SO
STRONG,
TAKEO!

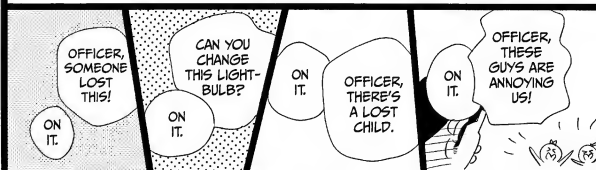


















TONS OF
PEOPLE HAVE
STOPPED BY
TO SAY THANK
YOU!

OH
YEAH?

NOT
REALLY.

I HEAR
TAKEO'S BEEN
WORKING A
LOT.

YOU GUYS
SHOULD
TAKE A
BREAK.



GOOD
IDEA.

WE
CAN SELL
THEM
WHILE
WE DO
ONE LAST
ROUND.

WANT ME
TO SELL
THOSE?

WE'VE SOLD
A TON OF
GREEN TEA-
FLAVORED
CAKE, BUT WE
STILL HAVE
A BUNCH OF
CINNAMON
ONES.

HOW'S
THE SHOP
DOING?

REALLY
WELL!

IF YOU DON'T
LEAVE YOUR
PLATE WE'LL
ARREST YOU!

SWEET



...CINNAMON
POUND
CAKE
?!
...LIKE
SOME...

...LIKE
SOME...

POLICE CAFE 2-6

WOULD
ANYONE
...
...CINNAMON
POUND
CAKE
?!
...LIKE
SOME...

THANK
YOU!

I'LL
TAKE
TWO.

THEY'RE
100 YEN*
EACH!

*ABOUT #1

I
HAVEN'T
TRIED
THEM...

WOW,
THAT LOOKS
DELICIOUS.
ARE
THEY
GOOD?

...BUT I
GUARANTEE
THEY'RE
GREAT!

WOULD
YOU LIKE
SOME?

WE
SOLD
THEM
ALL!

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
BUY SOME
CINNAMON
POUND
CAKE?

POLICE CAFÉ

I'M
SORRY.

I'LL
BUY
SOME.

THEY'RE
100
YEN
EACH.

HUH?
SURE.

I'M
SORRY.

(THEY CAN'T HELP APOLOGIZING TO
A POLICE OFFICER EVEN WHEN THEY
HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.)





YOU'RE
SO CUTE,
TAKEO!

THE
HAUNTED
HOUSE?

MAYBE THE
HAUNTED
HOUSE?

WHERE
SHOULD
WE GO?

I MIGHT
SCREAM.

WHAT?
REALLY?

ARE YOU
EASILY
SCARED?

I MAKE LOTS
OF NOISE
WHEN I'M
STARTLED.

AW
...



GAAAH!

SHE
HAS FUN
TEASING
ME.

OKAY,
LET'S
DO THAT
THEN.

HEE
HEE!

"CUTE"...



HA
HA!
WE
SAID IT
AT THE
SAME
TIME!
YEP,
WE
DID.



YEAH,
I HAVEN'T
EATEN
ANYTHING
YET.

I'M HUNGRY.
SHOULD WE
GET SOME
FOOD?

DASH

HUH?
WE'RE
OUT OF
GREEN
ONIONS?
THEY
SEEM
BUSY...



DASH



TAKOYAKI
SIX

I THINK IT'S
PERFECT FOR
A SCHOOL
FESTIVAL.

REALLY?

HERE
YOU
GO!

SORRY
ABOUT
THE
WEIRD
SHAPE.

円

WHAT
?!

YEAH ...
I WOUND
UP BEING
UP ALL
NIGHT!

THANKS FOR
TAKING THE
TIME TO MAKE
MY UNIFORM
TOO.

YOU MUST
HAVE BEEN
REALLY BUSY
WITH ALL THE
BAKING.

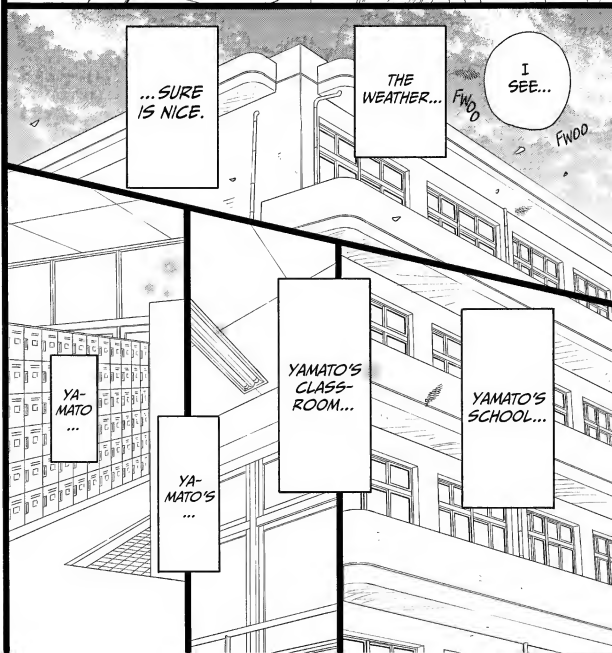
BUT IT
WAS SO
MUCH
FUN!





I'VE BEEN
WANTING
TO MAKE A
COSTUME
FOR YOU.

IT FELT LIKE
WE WERE
GOING TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL...



...SURE
IS NICE.

THE
WEATHER...

I
SEE...

Fwo

Fwoo

YA-
MATO
...

YA-
MATO'S
...

YAMATO'S
CLASS-
ROOM...

YAMATO'S
SCHOOL...

LOOK
OVER
THERE.
YOU CAN
SEE MY
CLASS-
ROOM
FROM
HERE.

OH?

WHAT IS IT,
TAKEO?

I WAS
JUST THINKING
ABOUT HOW
YOU ALWAYS
STUDY HERE.

I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
TRIVIAL
THINGS
AGAIN.

OH...

NOT AT
ALL.

I'M
ENJOYING
MYSELF.

POLICE

I TAKE MUSIC
AS MY ELECTIVE
IN THAT BUILDING
OVER THERE.

NICE...

POLICE

THAT SMALL
BUILDING IS
THE GYM.

WE DO
PE. AND
CREATIVE
DANCE
THERE.

I
SEE.

NOT A
SINGLE
ONE.

NO
TOPIC IS
TRIVIAL.

WOOSH

GRAB

TASTY

COME
ON IN
AND PIG
OUT!



EKK!

!

WATCH
OUT!

DASH



*ABOUT ¥5





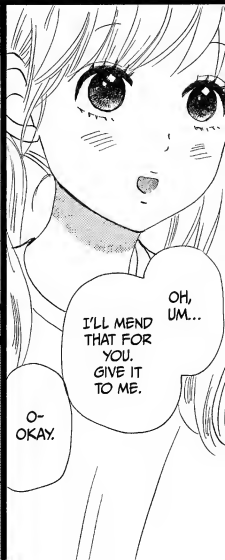
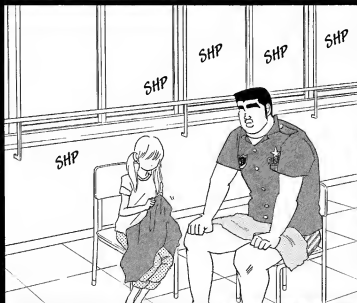
KA'CHAK

HUH?

NO ONE'S
HERE...

I GUESS
EVERYONE
FINISHED
CLEANING UP
AND WENT
TO LOOK
AROUND.

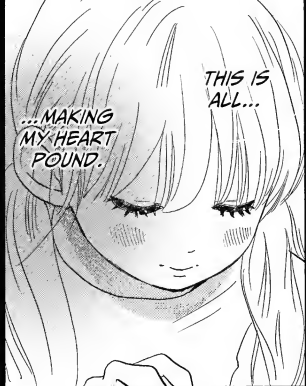
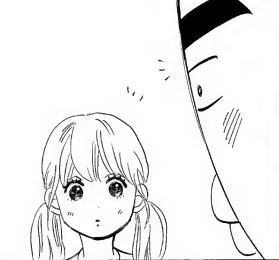
SUNA-
KAWA'S
GONE
TOO.



OH,
UM...

I'LL MEND
THAT FOR
YOU.
GIVE IT
TO ME.

O-
OKAY.



... MAKING
MY HEART
POUND.

THIS IS
ALL...

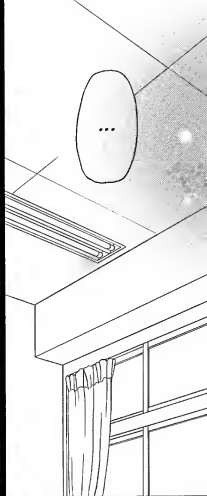
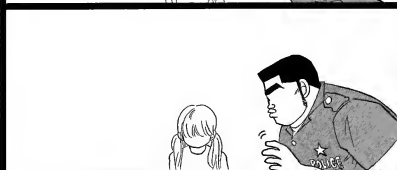


HEH
HEH!



...IN MY
SCHOOL
LIKE THIS.

IT'S A
STRANGE
FEELING
SEEING YOU
HERE...





THERE'S
A REASON
FOR
THIS!

NOTHING
STRANGE
IS GOING
ON!

OH,
OKAY.

THE OTHERS
ARE OFF
EXPLORING
THE FESTIVAL
WITH YAMATO'S
FRIENDS.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I SAW
YOUR
UNDER-
WEAR
AGAIN...

YEAH.

DID YOU
RIP YOUR
PANTS?

OH,
IT'S
YOU.



THANK YOU.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL HOLD UP!

WHAT A MANLY STITCH.

I-I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT SEWING.

STITCH

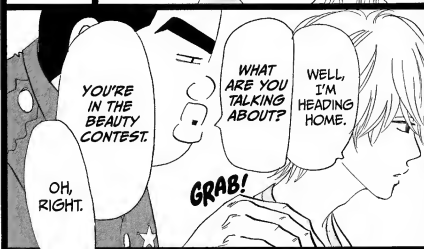
I'M ALL DONE, TAKEO!

STITCH



THERE'LL BE FIREWORKS AT THE CLOSING PARTY. LET'S WATCH THEM TOGETHER.

OKAY.



YOU'RE IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST.

OH, RIGHT.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WELL, I'M HEADING HOME.

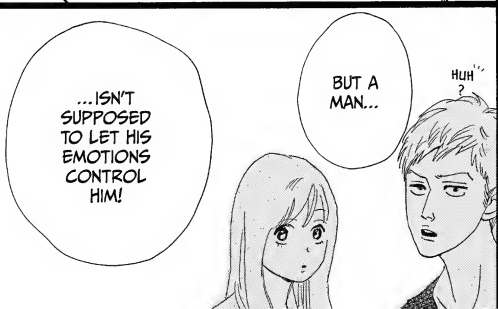
GRAB!



I'LL GO SEE IF THE KITCHEN'S BEEN CLEANED UP.

OKAY. I'LL GO FIND THE OTHERS.

SEE YOU LATER!





THERE
ARE TIMES
WHEN HE
HAS TO
TOUGH IT
OUT!

HE
NEEDS TO
CONSIDER
HIS
PARTNER'S
FEELINGS
AND THE
SITUATION!

O-
OKAY, I
UNDER-
STAND
...
I
GET IT
NOW, I
SWEAR.

ARE YOU
TALKING
TO HIM OR
TO YOUR-
SELF?

NO MATTER
HOW CUTE
HE THINKS
SHE IS!



...WHO
HELPED
OUT.

AND
THANK YOU
TO THE
PARENTS
...

THIS WAS
DAY 3 OF
THE KOIZUMI
GIRLS'
ACADEMY
FESTIVAL,
SO THAT'S
IT FOR
ANOTHER
YEAR!

THANK
YOU TO
EVERYONE
FROM THE
COMMUNITY
WHO VISITED
OUR
SCHOOL!

FOR
THIS LAST
DAY, WE
WELCOMED
THE PUBLIC.

IS YOUR
SCHOOL'S
FESTIVAL
REALLY
DIFFERENT?

YOUR
FESTIVAL
WAS FUN.

THE
PLAN-
NING
AWARD
...

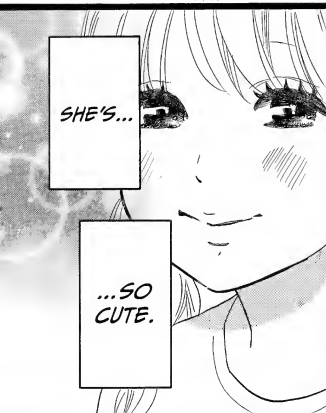
SO NOW
IT'S TIME
TO GIVE
OUT
AWARDS.

YEAH. WE
DON'T HAVE
SHOPS OR
STUFF LIKE
THAT.

GOTCHA.

YEP!

IT'S
OVER,
HUH
?
POLICE



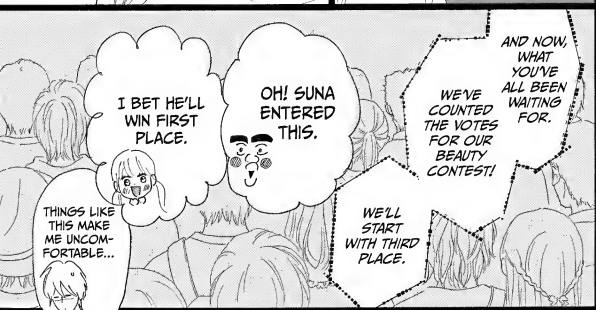
SHE'S...

...SO
CUTE.



I
HAD...

...SOOO
MUCH FUN
TODAY!



I BET HE'LL
WIN FIRST
PLACE.

OH! SUNA
ENTERED
THIS.

THINGS LIKE
THIS MAKE
ME UNCOM-
FORTABLE...

AND NOW,
WHAT
YOU'VE
ALL BEEN
WAITING
FOR.
WE'VE
COUNTED
THE VOTES
FOR OUR
BEAUTY
CONTEST!

WE'LL
START
WITH THIRD
PLACE.



IS HE
HERE
?

WHAT
?!

YEAH!

REALLY?
TAKED?!

HE'S
HERE!

...SOME-
ONE
NAMED
TAKED!
HE SPENT
THE DAY
DRESSED
IN A POLICE
OUTFIT
HELPING
EVERYONE!



HE'S
THAT
BIG
GUY
OVER
THERE!



THE CROWD'S
GOING WILD!
IT'S THE MOST
EXCITEMENT
WE'VE SEEN
ALL DAY!

YEAH!

THERE
HE IS!

HURRY
ON OVER
HERE!

THERE
HE IS.
YOU'RE
TAKED?

HE'S
HUGE!

IT'S THAT
COP FROM
EARLIER!

WHOA!

WOW!



H-
HERE
I GO.

"YOU
HELPED
ME SO
MUCH!
THANK
YOU!"

YEEAHH!

WITH THIS
MANY GIRLS
AROUND,
IT'S NOT
SURPRISING
THAT A LOT
OF THEM
LIKE BIG
GUYS.

I...
DIDN'T
EXPECT
THIS...

LET'S
SHARE JUST
A FEW OF
THE MANY
COMMENTS
WE
RECEIVED
ABOUT
TAKEO.

"A GUY
YOU CAN
COUNT ON!"
"TOTALLY MY
TYPE!"

"CHECK
OUT THOSE
MUSCLES!"

WOO-
HOO!

YEEAHH!

CLAP

CLAP

YEEAHH!

...SO WE
WANTED TO
BE SURE TO
RECOGNIZE
HIM!

PLUS MANY
MORE
COMMENTS!
AND HE HAD
NEARLY AS
MANY VOTES
AS OUR
FIRST-PLACE
WINNER...

THAT STRONG-
LOOKING GUY
DRESSED LIKE A
POLICE OFFICER.

CLAP

THAT BIG
GUY NAMED
TAKEO!

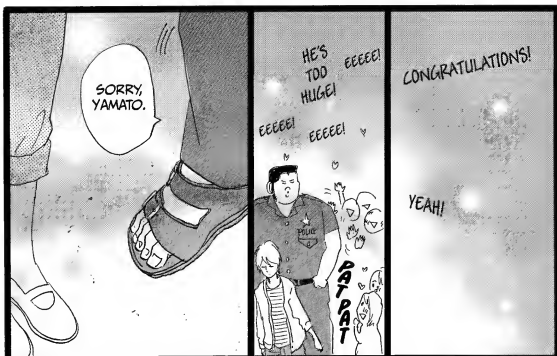
THE BIG GUY WHO
SET UP MY STAND &
TENT ALL BY HIMSELF
IN TWO MINUTES.

THAT SECURITY
GUARD WHO LOOKS
LIKE A GORILLA.

CLAP

THE REALLY
GUY WHO HELPED
THAT LOST CHILD.

THE BIG GUY
WHO BROUGHT
ME A FIRE
EXTINGUISHER.







...YA-
MATO...

YOU
KNOW...

BOOM

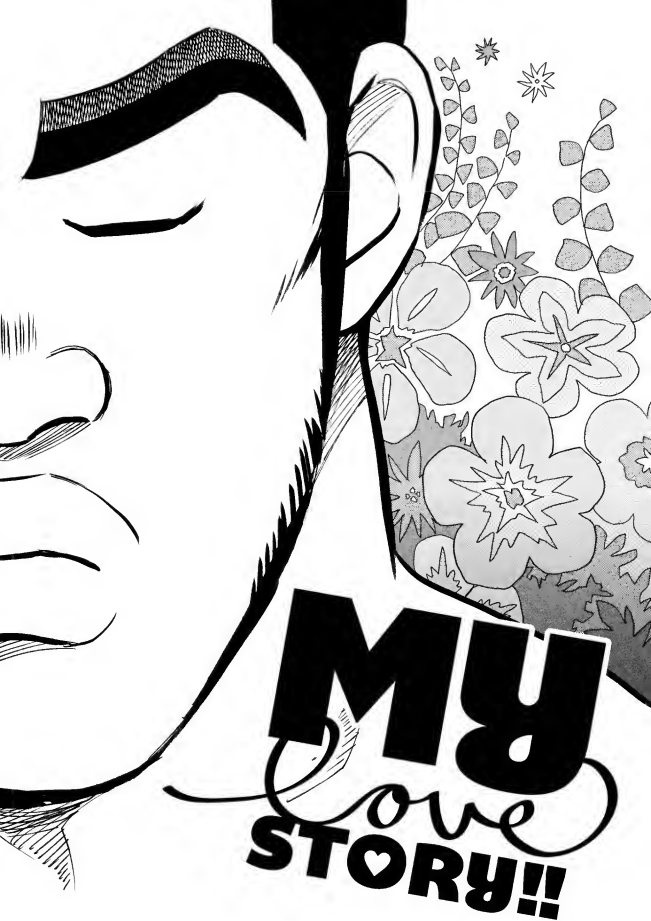
AND
THERE
GO THE
FIRE-
WORKS!

THANKS
FOR
MAKING
THIS
FESTIVAL A
SUCCESS,
EVERY-
ONE!

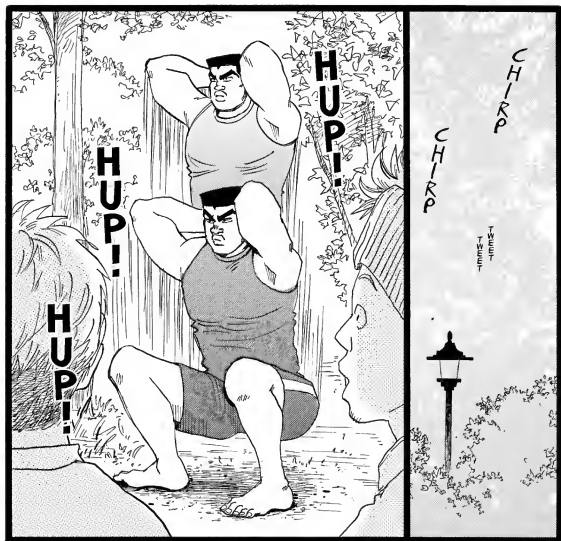
BOOM

...IT
KIND OF
HURTS.

YOU'RE
SO CUTE
THAT...

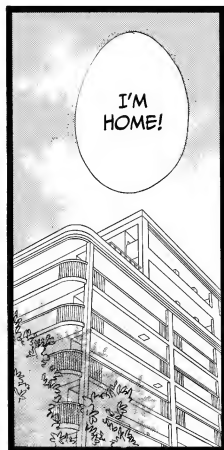


MY
Love
STORY!!



MY love
STORY!!







I'M MUCH
CALMER
WHEN
I HOLD
HER HAND
THESE
DAYS.

I'VE
ALWAYS
KNOWN
HOW CUTE
YAMATO
IS.

WHY
IS MY
HEART...

...RACING?

...DEE...

GUESS
WHO?

AND...

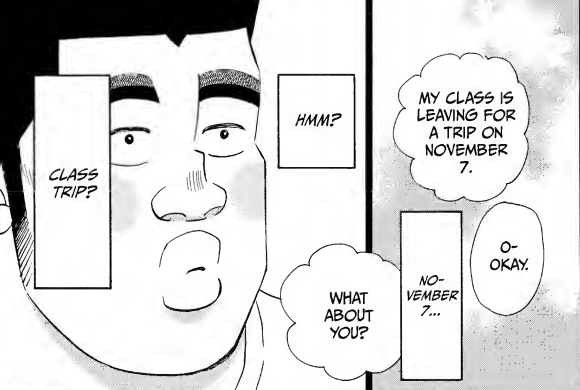
B
L
U
S
H

SO WHY
AM I
FEELING
LIKE THIS
NOW?

...WE'VE
EVEN
KISSED.







CLASS
TRIP?

HMM?

MY CLASS IS
LEAVING FOR
A TRIP ON
NOVEMBER
7.

O-
OKAY.

NO-
VEMBER
7...

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?



NO WAY!
WE'RE
GOING TO
HOKKAIDO
TOO!!



REALLY?
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

WE MIGHT
BE TAKING
OURS THEN
TOO.

HOKKAIDO.



I HOPE WE
CAN SEE
EACH OTHER
DURING OUR
TRIPS!

MAYBE EVEN
ON A DAY
WHEN WE HAVE
FREE TIME...



WHEN
I GET
HOME, I'LL
CHECK MY
ITINERARY.

REALLY
?!

YEAH!

A
TRIP
?!

IT'D BE GREAT
IF WE COULD
GO ON A TRIP
SOMETIME...

! ...WITH
NANAKO
AND THE
OTHERS.

!

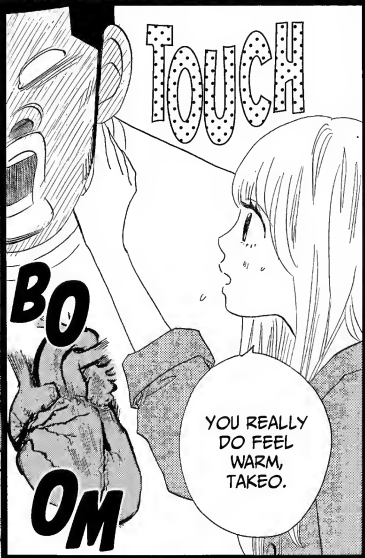
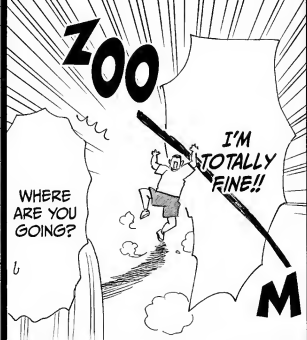
TOUCH

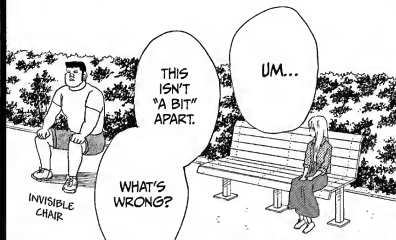
G
A
H
!!

y-
YEAH...

YOU'RE
ACTING
STRANGE.
DO YOU
HAVE A
FEVER?

TAKEO?





THIS
ISN'T
"A BIT"
APART.

UM...

INVISIBLE
CHAIR

WHAT'S
WRONG?



YAMATO...

LET'S
SIT A BIT
APART,
OKAY?



I'M
REALLY
SWEATY.

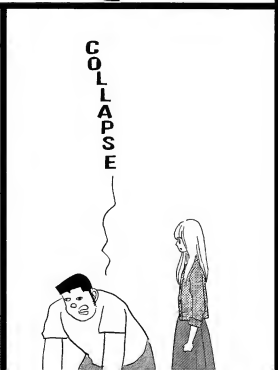


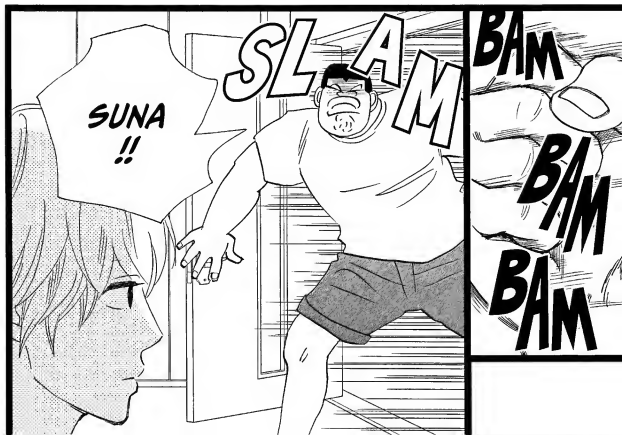
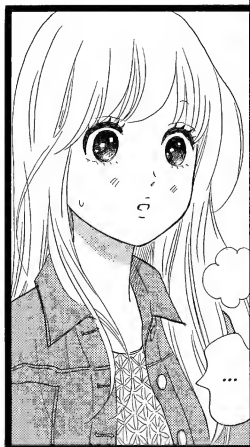
KA-

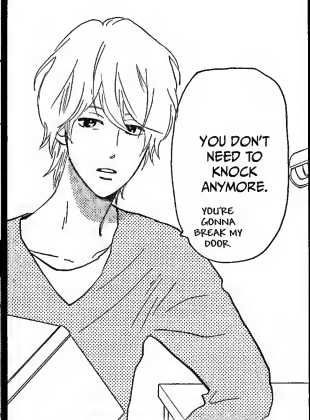
IS THAT
ALL?

WELL,
IT'S
PRETTY
HOT
TODAY.
I'M
SWEATY
TOO!

SEE?

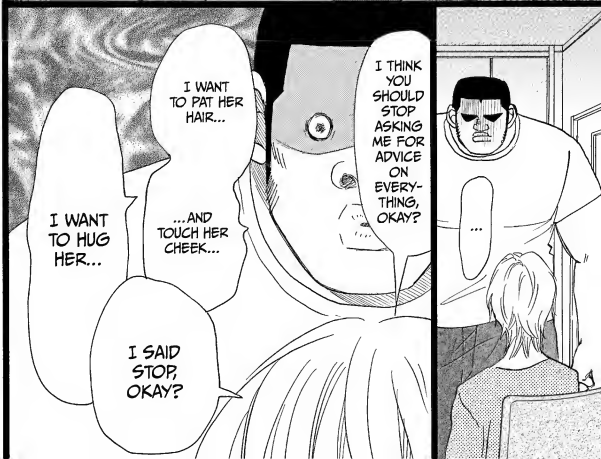








I
KEEP
WANT-
ING...
...TO
TOUCH
HER.



I WANT
TO PAT HER
HAIR...

I WANT
TO HUG
HER...

...AND
TOUCH HER
CHEEK...

I SAID
STOP,
OKAY?

I THINK
YOU
SHOULD
STOP
ASKING
ME FOR
ADVICE
ON
EVERY-
THING,
OKAY?





AND
YOU'RE
DATING,
SO IT
SHOULD
BE FINE.



WELL, IT
ISN'T.

YOU SAY
THAT LIKE IT
ISN'T YOUR
PROBLEM!

SOUNDS
TOUGH.
TOO
BAD.



AARGH!!

...



...KISSED.

...



ANY-
WAY...

...YOU'VE
ALREADY...

...YOU
KNOW...



I DON'T HAVE A
CHOICE! I'M NOT
TELLING YOU
BECAUSE I WANT
TO! I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO!

WELL,
WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO DO?

SERIOUSLY,
STOP
TELLING ME
EVERYTHING.

I DON'T LIKE
TALKING
ABOUT THIS
STUFF!



I
CAN
DO
IT!!

THAT'S
RIGHT.
ALL I HAVE
TO DO IS
OVERCOME
MY WEAK-
NESS!

HMPH!

GOOD
LUCK.

I'M
GOING
FOR A
RUN!

AAGH!!

MELT

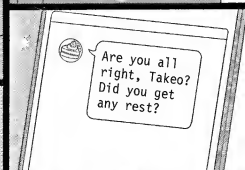
YAMATO...

**CURSES
...!**



DON'T
THINK
WEIRD
THOUGHTS!





I
WON'T
GIVE
UP!

FORM
GROUPS
OF FIVE
OR SIX
BOYS OR
GIRLS.

WE'RE
GOING
TO BE
CHOOSING
GROUPS
FOR THE
TRIP.

YAMATO'S
GOING TO
HOKKAIDO
TOO.

I WONDER
IF OUR
SCHEDULES
WILL MATCH
UP...

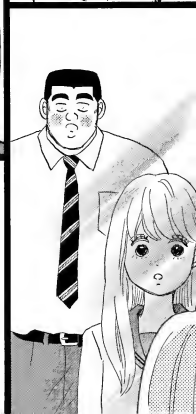
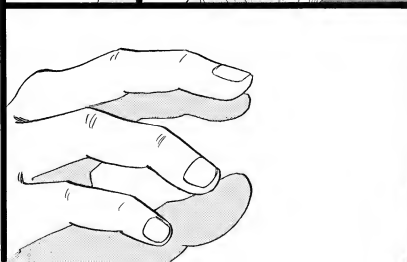
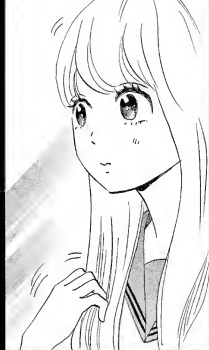


YOU'RE IN
THE SAME
GROUP AS
TAKED, RIGHT,
SUNAKAWA?

LET'S
TEAM UP,
TAKED!

YOU'LL BE
SHARING
FREE TIME
AND ROOMS
WITH YOUR
GROUP.

TAKED!



WE'RE
GOING ON
OUR TRIPS
AT THE SAME
TIME, TAKEO!

NANAKO
SAID SO.

KURIHARA
TOLD
NANAKO
TOLD
ME

AND OUR
SCHEDULES
OVERLAP.
LUCKY US!

Y-
YEAH.

I HAVEN'T
OVERCOME
MY DESIRES
AT ALL!

OH
NO!

**T
H
W
A
C
K**

SHOCK

I WISH
WE WERE
VISITING
TEMPLES!

ARE
YOU INTO
TEMPLES?

I FEEL
LIKE I
COULD USE
SOME STERN
LOOKS
FROM THE
BUDDHA...

?

OH?

ROMANTIC
?!

AHH, IT
SOUNDS SO
ROMANTIC!

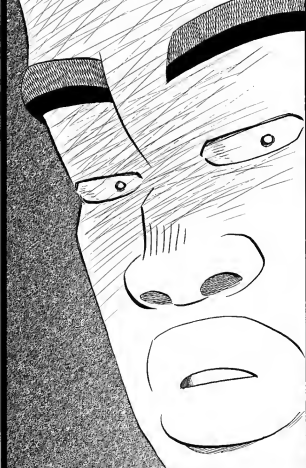
♥♥

WE CAN
GO TO
SHIROI
KOIBITO
PARK OR
OTARU...

WHY DON'T
WE ALL MEET
UP ON OUR
FREE DAY
AND GO
EXPLORING
TOGETHER?

HOK-
KAIDO
...





I WISH WE
COULD BE
ALONE FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE.



...I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT I'D
DO.

IF WE
WERE
LEFT
ALONE
IN A
ROMANTIC
SPOT...

MY SCHOOL'S
REALLY
STRICT.
I'D GET IN
TROUBLE
IF ANYONE
FOUND ME
WITH A BOY.



**WE
CAN'T!**

I
GUESS IT
WOULDN'T
BE
ALLOWED.

HUH?
Y-YEAH.



I
GUESS
NOT.

Y-
YEAH.

HUH?

THAT
WON'T
HAPPEN!



I'M SO
EXCITED!
I HOPE WE'RE
STAYING AT
THE SAME
HOTEL.

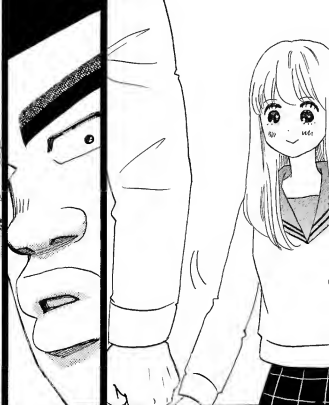


IT'S
DANGEROUS
FOR YAMATO
TO BE WITH
ME RIGHT
NOW.



IT'S
DANGER-
OUS...!

FWOOSH



CALM
DOWN...

HANDS!
RIGHT!

GRAB!

CALM
DOWN...

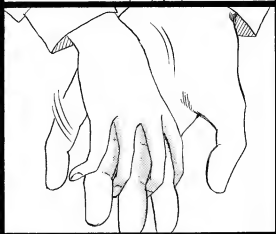
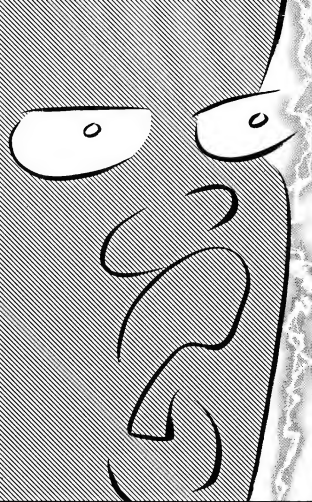


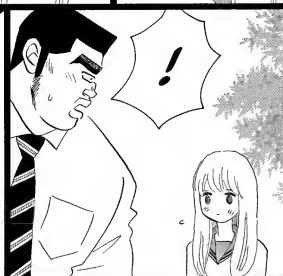
OH!
SORRY!

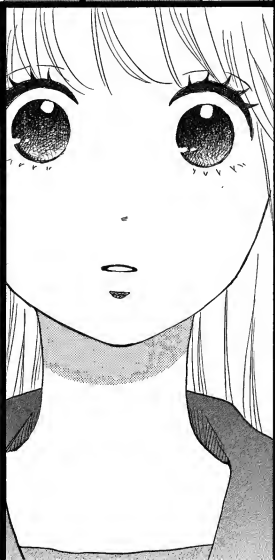


SORRY,
DID I
SURPRISE
YOU?

I WAS
GOING TO
HOLD YOUR
HAND...









AARGH,
THIS IS
PATHETIC!

...



TAKED...



BUT...

...WHAT
COULD
I SAY
?!

...BEING
TREATED
LIKE
THAT
FOR NO
REASON.

OF
COURSE
SHE'S
UNHAPPY...



You haven't stopped
liking me, have you?



Can we talk here on LINE?

Yes,
of course!

No! I love you!!



How much time
do you mean?



Then take as long
as you need.



I love you too!!



Then take as long
as you need.



**I LOVE
YOU,
YAMATO
!!**

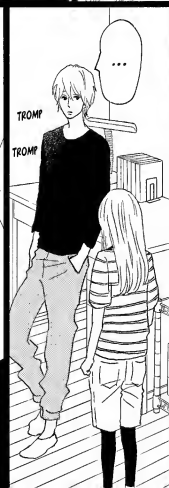


**KA-
CHAK**

DINGDONG

701

SUNAKAWA







I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO!
I CAN'T HELP
WANTING TO
TOUCH HER!



I'LL GIVE IT
SOME MORE
THOUGHT.
FOR NOW,
WHY DON'T
YOU GO FOR
A RUN OR
TAKE A COLD
SHOWER?

HOW
DO I
MAKE
IT
STOP
?!

I'LL
DO
THAT.

YEAH.





...THAT WHEN
HE'S ALONE WITH
YOU, HE HAS TO
STRUGGLE NOT
TO TOUCH YOU
TOO MUCH.

HE SAYS
YOU'RE SO
CUTE...



OH
DEAR...

I
SEE...

WHAT
?

UM... I...

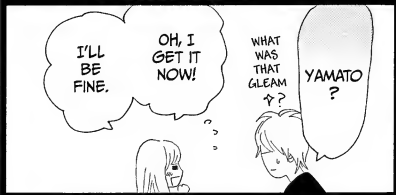
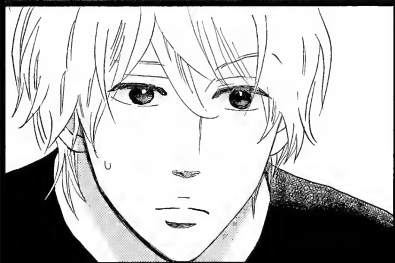
AH...



HE
WANTS
TO DO
THAT
TO ME?

HUH?

I...
OH...





THANK YOU,
SUNAKAWA!
SORRY
FOR
ALWAYS
DROPPING
BY LIKE
THIS!

THANKS
FOR
EVERY-
THING!



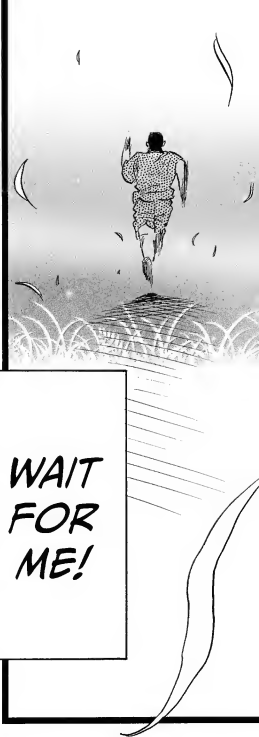
I'M
SORRY,
YAMATO!

...



I'LL
DEAL
WITH
THESE
FEEL-
INGS...

...BE-
FORE
OUR
CLASS
TRIPS
BEGIN.



TO BE CONTINUED...

MY *love*
STORY!!

MY LOVE STORY!!



We hit
the double
digits!

Thank you so much!

That was fast.

I feel so lucky
to have met so
many wonderful
people through
My Love Story!!
I'm happy to be
involved with such
a wonderful series.



Thank
you very
much,
Kawahara
Sensei!

I'm talking like this is the final volume,
but there is another one after this!

I hope we'll meet again in volume 11.

Thank you for your support!

I want to do weight training and get toned. I
want to get so muscular that anyone who hasn't
seen me in a while won't recognize me anymore!

But I'll wind up only
thinking about it.



Oshawa



Ashai

I'd like to thank my assistants.

August 2015, Aruko



Hello! Thank you very much for picking up the graphic novel version of *My Love Story!!* I'm always grateful for your letters and comments. I'm going to try my best!

I feel so happy! Amazingly, *My Love Story!!* has been made into a movie. I've only seen the previews, but Suzuki, the actor who plays Takeo, is pretty great, isn't he? I had no idea he was so good at acting with his expressions and his poses (?). Seeing Suzuki's Takeo made me want to pay more attention to the expressions and poses in the manga. I want you to see Suzuki's take on Takeo, so I hope you can watch the movie.

(But you might not have enough spare cash...)

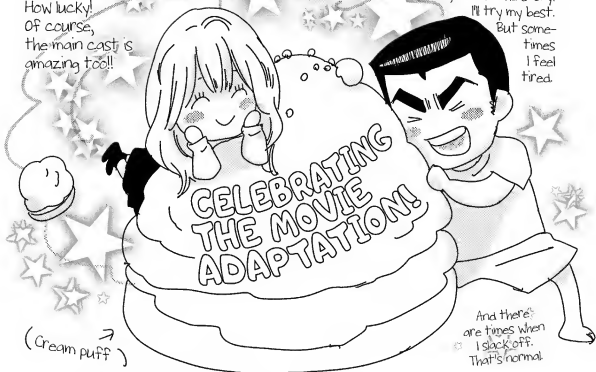


And it's not just Suzuki! There's Nagano, a model I adore. I think it's great how normal she looks. (She's really pretty, though.) I got teary eyed when she said her line in the trailer. Sakaguchi is really handsome, but I had no idea he would do such things... He was really physical...

I thought it was wonderful. In the movie, Takeo's parents are really splendid. My sister messaged me that the father was played by the guy from *Aibo*. Such amazing people play the parents in both the movie and the anime...

How lucky!
Of course,
the main cast is
amazing too!!

I'm really excited by all this!
Anyway, I'm going to work hard on the manga.
Oh, I mean the story!
I'll try my best.
But sometimes I feel tired.



(Cream puff)

And there are times when I slack off. That's normal.

To Aruko and my editor,
I'm sorry that my handwriting on the storyboards is always messy.

This was Kazune Kawahara

♡ Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ♡

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I have Post-MLS Anime Depression Syndrome. (Translation: I'm sad that the anime of *My Love Story!!* has ended.) For the cover illustration of volume 10, I used the same design as the poster for the *My Love Story!!* movie!

— Aruko

(A)

Time to celebrate!
It's volume 10!
Thank you very much!
— Kazune Kawahara

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